

By: \_\_\_\_\_ .B. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Substitute the following for .B. No. \_\_\_\_\_:

By: \_\_\_\_\_ C.S..B. No. \_\_\_\_\_

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to measures to improve community supervision outcomes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 509.003, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (e), (f), and (g) to read as follows:

(e) The division shall allow departments to implement reporting intervals for defendants directly supervised by the departments that are determined by risk, with higher-risk defendants reporting at more frequent intervals than lower-risk defendants. A reporting interval for a low-risk defendant may not exceed 12 months.

(f) The division shall prepare and make available guidance documents to assist departments and judges in determining best practices for the use of progressive sanctions.

(g) The division shall implement an online technical assistance library that includes online training for purposes of improving the rate of successful completion of community supervision for all departments and judges in this state.

SECTION 2. Section 509.011, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) The division may not reduce the amount of funding payable to a department under Subsection (a) based on the reporting interval of a defendant supervised by the department.

SECTION 3. Section 509.013, Government Code, is amended by

1 adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

2 (c) In awarding a grant under a grant program, the division  
3 shall give priority to departments that provide or receive training  
4 or technical assistance under the program implemented under Section  
5 509.020.

6 (d) The division may provide grants to departments for the  
7 purpose of employing certified peer support specialists, certified  
8 recovery coaches, and certified reentry support specialists to  
9 provide peer-to-peer support for defendants on community  
10 supervision and to assist those defendants in successfully  
11 completing the period of community supervision.

12 SECTION 4. Chapter 509, Government Code, is amended by  
13 adding Sections 509.019 and 509.020 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 509.019. ANNUAL REPORT ON COMMUNITY SUPERVISION  
15 OUTCOMES. (a) Not later than April 1 of each year, the division  
16 shall submit a report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the  
17 speaker of the house of representatives, each member of the  
18 legislature, each department, and each district court, office of an  
19 attorney representing the state, and public defender's office in  
20 this state. The report must include:

21 (1) community supervision outcomes for the preceding  
22 calendar year for each department, county, district court, and  
23 statutory county court with criminal jurisdiction, including:

24 (A) the revocation rate of defendants placed on  
25 community supervision;

26 (B) the proportion of terminations of the period  
27 of community supervision that resulted in:

1                   (i) the defendant receiving a discharge  
2 following successful completion of community supervision;

3                   (ii) the defendant receiving a discharge  
4 following an early termination of community supervision under  
5 Article 42A.111 or 42A.701, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

6                   (iii) the revocation of community  
7 supervision; and

8                   (C) the number of:

9                   (i) revocations of community supervision  
10 that resulted from a plea bargain agreement;

11                   (ii) revocations of community supervision  
12 in cases in which the department supervising the defendant had  
13 recommended the continuation of community supervision;

14                   (iii) motions to revoke community  
15 supervision that did not result in the revocation of community  
16 supervision; and

17                   (iv) motions to revoke community  
18 supervision that resulted in the defendant being ordered to  
19 complete a treatment program in lieu of revocation of community  
20 supervision;

21                   (2) a comparison of the outcomes described by  
22 Subdivision (1) to:

23                   (A) the statewide average for the outcomes; and

24                   (B) if applicable, the outcomes of comparable  
25 courts that have a rate of successful completion of community  
26 supervision that is above the statewide average; and

27                   (3) a detailed summary of the division's efforts to

1 reduce the revocation rate of defendants placed on community  
2 supervision.

3 (b) The division shall make the report available on the  
4 division's Internet website.

5 Sec. 509.020. PROGRAM FOR IMPROVING RATE OF SUCCESSFUL  
6 COMPLETION OF COMMUNITY SUPERVISION. The division shall implement  
7 a program in which departments with a rate of successful completion  
8 of community supervision that is above the statewide average  
9 provide training and technical assistance to other departments for  
10 the purpose of improving the successful completion rate of those  
11 departments.

12 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.